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 D --35. A method of treating cancer which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective anti-cancer amount of the compound according to any one of claims *1-5, 8, 9 or 10* 1-10, wherein said pharmaceutical compound is etoposide.--

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 D --36. A pharmaceutical composition comprising *a pharmaceutical* ~~an effective vitamin amount of the compound~~ according to any one of claims *1-5, 8, 9 or 10* 1-10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said pharmaceutical compound is vitamin E.--

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treating Vitamin E deficiency
 D --37. A method of ~~producing a vitamin effect~~ *treating Vitamin E deficiency* which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective ~~vitamin~~ amount of the compound according to any one of claims *1-5, 8, 9 or 10* 1-10, wherein said pharmaceutical compound is Vitamin E.--

REMARKS

The helpfulness and courtesies extended by the Examiner to Applicants' representative during the interview of May 10, 2000 are sincerely appreciated. As set forth in the interview summary record, agreement was reached at that time for allowance of claim 1 as amended in Applicants' Amendment of March 21, 2000. It was also agreed that the method claims would be amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, namely by directing particular method claims to the pharmaceutical effect of any specifically recited compound.

Therefore, the following amendments have been made to the claims.

(a) Claim 2 has been amended to be consistent with claim 1 in that the language "alcohol-containing or" has been deleted from claim 2.

(b) Claims 4, 9 and 12 have been amended to delete the recited compounds which are not "phenol-containing" compounds.

(c) Claims 6, 7, 13-15 have been canceled as directed to non-elected subject matter.

(d) Claim 19-22 have been cancelled and are substituted with new claims 32-37. It is believed that this action overcomes the objections to the previous method of treatment claims.

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It is believed that the above amendments overcome all of the remaining objections to the claims, so that the claims are now in condition for allowance. If there are any minor matters that need to be resolved in order to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (714) 708-8555 to resolve those matters by telephone.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

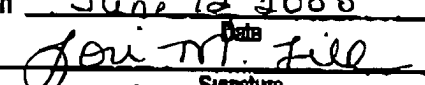
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